

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

Claims 27 and 28 have been canceled and claim 29 has been amended to more clearly describe the claimed invention. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments. Claims 29 and 35 will be pending upon entry of these amendments.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 132

The amendment to the sequence listing filed October 23, 2001 has been objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 as introducing new matter into the disclosure. The Examiner states that the sequence listing filed October 23, 2001 does not match the original disclosure.

This mismatch is a result of a typographical error. Applicants enclose a substitute sequence listing (both a paper copy and computer readable format) and a verification statement.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 27-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Uozumi (a) et al. ("Uozumi (a)") or under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Uozumi (b) et al. ("Uozumi (b)"). The Examiner states that Uozumi teaches an isolated porcine α 1-6 fucosyltransferase isolated from pig brain and therefore anticipates claims 27 and 28. Applicant respectfully asserts that Uozumi does not represent a disclosure of a sufficient scope to render the claimed invention anticipated. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled claims 27 and 28. Therefore, the rejection of claims 27 and 28 is moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

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Accordingly, withdrawal and reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a)

Claims 27-29 and 35 have been rejected under 102(a) as being anticipated by Uozumi et al. (J. Biol. Sci. Vol.271(44):27810-27817, Nov. 1996). This rejection is respectfully traversed because the Uozumi et al. reference is not available as prior art under §102(a) because the claims are entitled to priority from Japanese Application 10365/1996, filed January 24, 1996, from Japanese Application 161648/1996, filed June 21, 1996, from Japanese Application 162813/1996, filed June 24, 1996, and/or from Japanese Application 192269/1996, filed July 22, 1996. Hence, the Uozumi et al. reference is not § 102(a) prior art. Applicants submit herewith certified English translations of the Japanese priority documents as Attachment 1. Applicants respectfully urge that this rejection should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject invention is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 with any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at (202) 220-4258.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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